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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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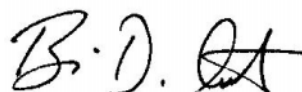
Re: Ex Parte Notice – CC Docket No. 99-273

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, August 10, 2004, Lois Pines, Regulatory Counsel of InfoNXX, Inc., spoke with Christopher Libertelli, Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell, by telephone. The discussion focused on a phased-in approach to promoting retail directory assistance competition, and a review of the appropriate role for state commissions in directory assistance competition.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B.D. Smith", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian D. Smith
Counsel for InfoNXX

cc: Christopher Libertelli